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UFOs THAT PACED A JETLINER TOP SIGHTING REPORTS

UFOs that paced a jetliner, causing it to make an emergency landing; an object that reportedly destroyed the roof of a building; others that paced a plane; UFOs that landed and took off; an object that responded to a signal; others that caused physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects and animal reactions; UFOs that were photographed, left behind physical evidence, emitted sounds, and frightened witnesses; and occupants were characteristics of sighting reports from at least four states and six foreign countries during the period March-November. Witnesses included pilots, an airplane crew, an airline employee, a meteorological researcher, and police.

The pilot and crew of a Caravelle jetliner, with 109 passengers on board, executed an emergency landing at Valencia Airport, Spain, following a four-hour pursuit by four UFOs on November 11, stated a United Press International wire story.

The objects, described as "bright red balls three times larger than stars, shooting sparks," were first seen over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza during the plane's long flight south toward Tenerife in the Canary Islands, off the west coast of Africa. According to the crew, the UFOs "peeled out of sight" about 30 miles from Valencia, but, apparently, the decision had already been made to abort the flight.

Transport Minister Salvador Sanchez Teran ordered an investigation.

Residents of Great Britain observed UFOs.

At about 8:45 p.m., June 24, Dominic Hudd was flying a kite in Whitminster when he observed "three shiny silver objects in the sky," according to the June 26, 1979, edition of the *Gloucester* (England) *Citizen*. Mrs. Honor Hudd, mother of the "really petrified" boy, also observed the UFOs.

Each of the objects "had a little dome on the top with a light on." They were "as long as a dormobile and about as high as a double decker bus." While Mrs. Hudd, a nurse, was busy calling the police, Dominic saw a fourth UFO take off from a nearby field and join the others. The objects disappeared toward Bristol.

On the afternoon of August 27, Laurie Adlington, chief instructor at the Three Counties Aeroclub near Yatley, was flying a small plane near Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire, when he observed a UFO that looked like "a flattened blob of mercury with 'little hexagonal panels about an inch across.'"

The pilot said he flew within a few feet of the tiny object, which seemed to be rotating, according to the August 31, 1979, edition of the London *Daily Telegraph*. The UFO was in two halves, "with a split, like a joining line, in the middle. Two short aeriels were at the top, near the periphery, and there seemed to be two clasps near the dividing line."

During the following day, at about the same time, while flying near the airport, Simon Spence, another Three Counties instructor, saw the same or a similar object traveling at approximately 150 m.p.h. at an altitude of 800-1,000 feet.

Villagers near Islampur, West Dinajpur, India, observed a UFO "emitting a bright red light" approach from the northeast at about 9:45 a.m., July 10.

What followed next, if true, could be one of the most extraordinary CE-II reports on record.

Mrs. Sishu Bala Gain was one of the witnesses. Standing on the verandah of her hut, she heard "a whistling sound." Investigating, she saw "an approaching ball of fire." Then a piece of wire tied around her arm "as a cure for rheumatism" mysteriously fell off, and "she felt a mild tremor run through her hand."

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Debendra Ghosh, a shopkeeper, heard "rumb-ling." He saw a ball of fire about two feet in diameter with sparks falling from it. It headed toward the southwest.

The State Farm High School stood in the immediate area. Inside, three carpenters were at work when the building began to shake violently. They scrambled under some benches. One of the men was slightly injured as he tried to escape.

Seven students were inside the school's boarding house.

"We were sitting in a room after dinner," stated Ashutosh Bhattacharya. "Suddenly, there was a gust of wind. We closed the door, but the room started shaking violently. Through a window, I saw sparks of fire falling."

Bhattacharya added he saw the object for about two minutes.

All these witnesses -- and more -- observed the following:

The UFO stopped and hovered over the school building. Then it ascended, apparently sucking up the corrugated tin roof. Some tin sheets were later located inside the classrooms while others landed in the nearby paddy fields. A few, reportedly, were blown as far as a kilometer away. The kitchen next to the boarding house collapsed. The iron spikes in the kitchen oven were twisted. The brick walls of the boarding house and school building cracked.

Members of the Islampur fire station, who investigated after a call was placed to them at 9:45, said the school building was "shattered," but there was no fire. A strong smell of gunpowder permeated the area.

(Sources: New Delhi, India, *Statesman*, July 12, 1979; and Calcutta, India, *Statesman*, July 13, 1979).

Three people flying in a Cessna saw and photographed UFOs over Kawagoe, Saitama Prefecture, Japan, at about 5:45 p.m., August 17, reported the August 19, 1979, edition of the Tokyo *Japan Times*.

Eiji Kawakami, a pilot with Toho Airline Company; Ikuo Yamazaki, also of Toho; and Yahei Seki, a Japan Meteorological Association researcher, were heading for Chofu Airport, Tokyo, when they spotted the three objects. Two were orange, the third was white, "and they flew side by side."

Thinking at first the objects were military planes, Kawakami climbed to avoid a collision, "but the three objects closely tailed the plane." Yamazaki photographed the UFOs.

It was 4 a.m., May 1, in Vizacheras, Mendoza Province, Argentina, a rich oil region. The night silence was suddenly broken by the bleating of goats in a corral, stated the Buenos Aires, Argentina, *RadioLand 2000* magazine, May 25, 1979.

Several frightened witnesses rushed outside with lanterns and saw, about 70 meters from the encampment, a UFO with multicolored lights that hovered approximately 20 meters above the ground. The object appeared to be signalling.

A few seconds later, the witnesses lost their fear and "felt a strange sensation of peace and curiosity." Someone signalled with his lantern, and the UFO responded. Then it slowly landed nearby and continued to signal. At 4:35, the craft lifted off and disappeared.

Witnesses inspected the landing site and discovered "a big petrified circle" and some sand that had hardened.

At 7 a.m., March 2, Ernesto Fagundez and his son, Plinio, were working on the transmission tower of a radio station in Rivera, Uruguay, when they saw a UFO maneuvering over the tower, stated the Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, *Diario de Avisos*, March 10, 1979.

The oval-shaped object stopped and hovered, and the witnesses observed "beings with enormous heads protected by transparent helmets."

A few minutes later, the UFO "dove over a truck that was carrying longshoremen who... threw themselves down on the asphalt of the highway."

Pennsylvania State Police Sgt. William Kute was at the controls of a police helicopter flying approximately 2,000 feet over Greene County, near Waynesburg, at 4:05 p.m., August 5. Beside him was his partner, Trooper Fred Scanlan.

"We were southbound and we observed a small object coming in the opposite direction," Kute related in the August 11, 1979, edition of the Greensburg, Pa., *Tribune-Review*. "It was about two feet in diameter, round, a depth of 8 to 10 inches, and blue in color. A real light, silvery blue. As we approached it, we heard a loud 'whooshing' noise. It picked up a lot of speed and passed us about 50 feet away."

Kute turned the helicopter around.

"We were flying about 120 m.p.h. chasing after it, but we never saw it again" the pilot stated.

It was about 12:45 a.m., September 1. An unidentified couple observed an egg-shaped UFO "with a large dome on top and a smaller dome on the bottom" near St. Augustine, Fla., stated the *St. Augustine Record*, September 4, 1979.

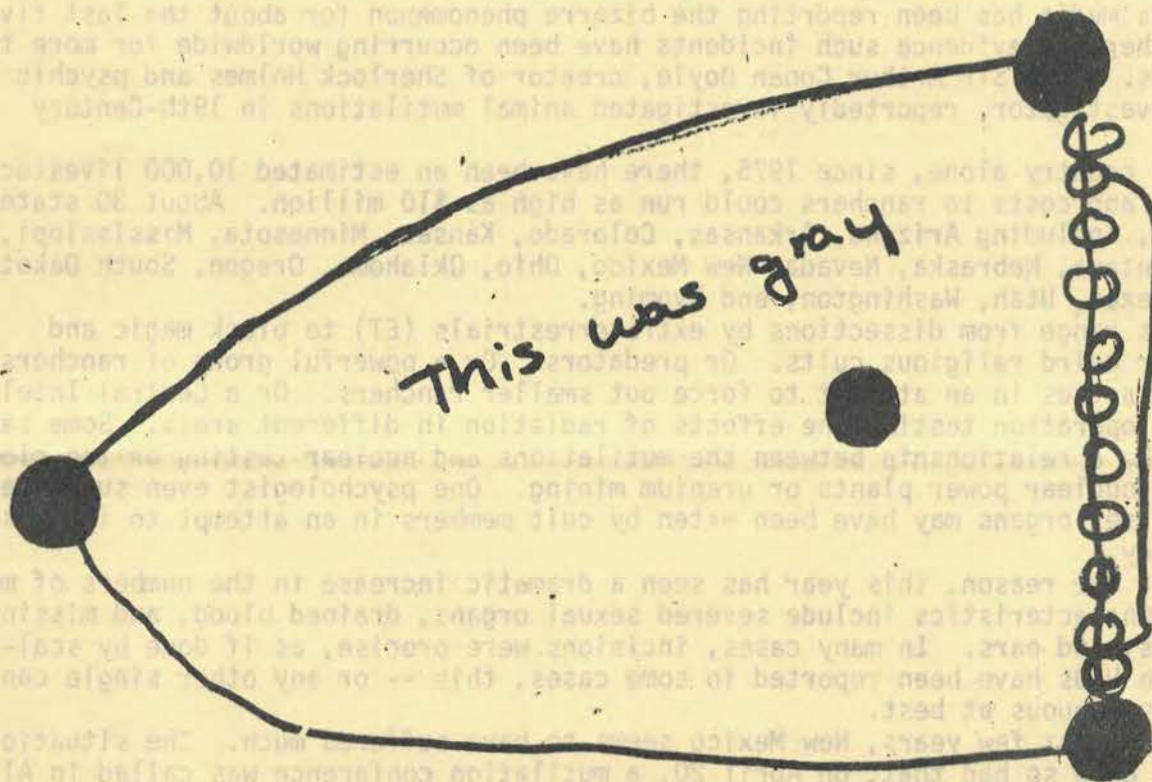
The UFO "dimmed and brightened" and moved steadily across the sky. Dogs in the neighborhood barked "wildly." The couple also reported that an electric clock and fan in their home "kept going off and on during the time the object was visible."

Police Officers Percy Whitehead and Ronnie Posey saw a large bright light at about 2 a.m., September 11, near Jackson, Miss.

The lawmen watched as a "big old red ball of fire shot out" from the UFO. A similar object, which disappeared below the treeline, was also seen.

"The dogs got to barking..." Whitehead related in the September 11, 1979, edition of the *Jackson Daily News*. "Then we heard a loud clicking sound."

At about the same time, Mrs. Gladys Jefferson was driving between Canton and Flora when she spotted a reddish-blue, funnel-shaped object. Both she and the policemen said their radios quit functioning while the UFO was in view.



UFO Sketch by Dawn Tongish, near Herndon, Nebr., August 2, 1979.

(Courtesy: Gazette)

Residents in the Oberlin-Herndon area of Nebraska observed a UFO beginning at about 11:15 p.m., August 2, according to the August 7, 1979, edition of the McCook, Nebr., *Gazette*.

Mrs. Denis Tongish and her daughter, Dawn, were riding bicycles near their farm 2.5 miles southeast of Herndon when they spotted "a strange light to the south." It appeared to be hovering over some grain bins.

Denis Tongish, his son, and another daughter were not watching the object, which looked like it was 500-800 feet above the bins. The family heard "the sound of a motor" as the UFO moved off.

The object "was three-sided with red lights at each corner and one in the middle." There were additional red and white lights. The UFO "was a dull metal" and "at least 50 feet long." (See sketch, page 3).

Meanwhile, Cliff Sattler, driving on U.S. 36 near Herndon, also saw the mysterious craft with his wife, son, and son's friend. It had white and yellow lights. The UFO headed north and "suddenly just disappeared."

Mrs. Arlo Wurm, her son and daughter, were heading home near Oberlin when they noticed the object "very low to the ground." It "appeared to stop above their feedlot."

The UFO had a cone at the front and a black object behind that was "about the size of a football field." There were numerous lights on the object.

Other area witnesses also reported seeing the craft.

ANIMAL MUTILATIONS -- 1979

Overall, it's not a pretty picture. The phenomenon involves the grotesque mutilations of thousands of animals in the U.S., Canada, and several foreign countries. Most of the victims have been cattle, but the afflicted also include horses, dogs, cats, poultry, and other animals. Even bestiality has been reported in several cases.

The news media has been reporting the bizarre phenomenon for about the last five years, but there is evidence such incidents have been occurring worldwide for more than two centuries. Even Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes and psychic phenomena investigator, reportedly investigated animal mutilations in 19th-Century London.

In this country alone, since 1975, there have been an estimated 10,000 livestock mutilations, and costs to ranchers could run as high as \$10 million. About 30 states are involved, including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Theories range from dissections by extraterrestrials (ET) to black magic and witchcraft or weird religious cults. Or predators. Or a powerful group of ranchers using scare tactics in an attempt to force out smaller ranchers. Or a Central Intelligence Agency operation testing the effects of radiation in different areas. Some said there could be a relationship between the mutilations and nuclear testing or the close proximity of nuclear power plants or uranium mining. One psychologist even suggested the animals' sex organs may have been eaten by cult members in an attempt to increase sexual potency.

Whatever the reason, this year has seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of mutilations. Characteristics include severed sexual organs, drained blood, and missing tongues, eyes, and ears. In many cases, incisions were precise, as if done by scalpels. Though UFOs have been reported in some cases, this -- or any other single connection -- is tenuous at best.

As in the past few years, New Mexico seems to have suffered much. The situation in the state grew so bad that, on April 20, a mutilation conference was called in Albuquerque by U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.), former astronaut. Earlier, Schmitt had announced plans to probe the mutilations via the Justice Department because some of the incidents occurred on federal land. Also, his constituents, particularly the ranchers, wanted some answers.

Attending the conference were representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Attorney General, the State Police, and a number of district attorneys. Participants recommended starting an information clearinghouse for mutilation reports from around the country. They asked the state's Criminal Justice Department for a \$50,000 grant to finance it.

Kenneth M. Rommel, long-time FBI agent, was hired to probe the reports and find some answers. There were soon indications, however, that Rommel was "brusque," "flippant," and didn't take the whole thing seriously. Ranchers refused to talk with him and residents began fearing that Rommel was in league with the District Attorney and the State Police in attempting to cover up whatever was behind the incidents.

New Mexico

Following are some of the reports from the state during the first seven months of the year:

- January 12. Near Taos. A frozen, five-year old heifer was discovered with its rectum and lower jaw removed. UFO sightings had been reported in the area the previous July.

- January 19 and 22. South of Carlsbad. Four mares were found mutilated.

- January 29. Duran. A 200-pound, six-month-old Angus was discovered with its ears and penis cut off and the scrotum mutilated. Six-inch circular patches of hair on each side at about the middle of the rib cage were missing. The animal's neck was broken, there was very little blood in the body, and the jugular vein was punctured in two places.

- April 8. Near Dulce. State Policeman Gabe Valdez, who had been investigating mutilation reports, saw a UFO hovering over the Manuel Gomez ranch. The object had red and green lights and disappeared straight up. Previously, Gomez had lost eight cattle to the mysterious mutilators, and eight additional animals in the area had been similarly dispatched.

- April 29. Dilia. A pregnant cow with its udder "cut off with a slice as sharp and clean as that of a razor" was discovered. There were also lacerations on the beast's back.

- July 3. Near Regina. A cow with its udder, rectum, and sex organs missing.

- July 21. Truchas. A cow had her tongue sliced out at the roots. There was very little blood, and the eyes appeared to be scraped. The rectal area, udder, and ears had been removed "with surgical precision." Some residents reported seeing orange lights flying over the area that evening.

Arkansas

Arkansas also suffered a significant wave of mutilations. Most apparently occurred between late May and early October.

- May 28. Hazen. A calf with its left eye and tongue missing.

- May 30. Near Greers Ferry Lake. A 400-pound calf with its tongue, right eyes, and several internal organs removed "with some sort of precision." There was no blood in or around the animal.

- June 1. Near Quitman. A cow with its left eye removed, the udder cut off, "and the anal opening dilated as if a large object had been interjected."

- June 1. Onio. Three mutilated horses. One had a deep incision about 10 inches long and several inches deep near the hip. Another had a hip incision 12-14 inches wide, with the flesh peeled back, exposing the wound, including part of the tail bone. Flies, worms, and maggots infested the wound. The third animal had a 3-4-inch incision on its neck. All three horses were still alive as of a week following the incident.

- June 2. Near Mulberry. A cow with one ear and three teats removed and the rectal area cut "with surgical precision." There was no blood around the animal, but some was still in the body.

- June 4. Ozark. The ears, tail, tongue, and sexual organs had been removed from a 275-pound heifer. There was no blood in or around the calf. A veterinarian believed the work "to have been done professionally with surgical instruments."

- June 7. Rea Valley. A young pig with its right eye, tongue, and rectum "neatly cut out." There were very little signs of blood on the animal.

- June 7. Near Sidon. A heifer with its right eye, tongue, and part of the udder between the legs cut off. There was some blood on the creature.

- June 12. Near Fayetteville. Calf with tongue, eye, and reproductive organs removed. There was no blood around the carcass.

- Around June 18. Near Lonoke. Two cows were found with their tongues missing. The eyeball of one was gone. The bodies were "deflated in a way suggesting that the blood might have been drained." The carcasses were burned before autopsies could be performed.

- July 6. Center Ridge. Female cow with one eye and sex organs missing as if cut "with a surgical knife." No blood.

- July 7. Near Ozark. A young calf with eyes, one ear, tongue and reproductive organs removed.

- July 10. Near Republican. Very young calf with missing eye and tongue and "not a drop of blood nearby."

- July 18. Cleveland. A cow with its internal organs and blood removed.

- July 21. Center Ridge. Cow with one eye, an udder, tongue, and sexual organs removed. No signs of blood.

- July 31. Near Foreman. 1,200-pound Hereford bull with male organs and blood removed with surgical precision.

- August 1. Vilonia. A two-year-old cow with its left ear and all four teats cut off. It was cut around the mouth and the tongue removed. The sexual organ was cut, and a square-foot piece of hide had been removed. This time, the mutilation was described as "amateurish." An unidentified "helicopter" described as silver or gray with an orange or yellow tail was seen in the area at the same time.

- August 8. Near Burnt Ridge. Cow with udder and left eye "removed with surgical precision."

- August 11. Near Enola. A four-year-old heifer with its udder, sexual organs, one eye, one ear, and tongue removed. Several hours after the discovery, a silver "helicopter" was observed in the area.

- August 26. Near Pleasant Valley. Eight-month-old heifer with sex organs and heart removed. At about the same time, another of the mysterious "helicopters" was seen in the same area.

- September 10. Near Eaton. A cow with its eyeballs, tongue, and sexual organs removed.

- October 7. Near Enola. Cow with the left ear, left eye, tongue, and heart missing.

Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and Washington

The state of Nebraska also had a few reported mutilations. On July 14, near Norfolk, a three-month-old heifer with its intestines removed and one ear cut off was discovered. Three days later, near Osmond, two month-old calves with one ear each cut off, eyes and genitals removed, and an oval-shaped patch cut out of their hips were found. Around September 8, near Beaver Crossing, a 300-pound Angus-Hereford cross heifer had its top jaw skinned back to the eyes, its lower jaw skinned to the throat, and the tongue and several lower teeth cut out.

Similarly, cattle in Kansas suffered much the same fate. On February 9 or 10, near Harper, a 850-pound Hereford heifer was found with one eye and its hind portion cut out. A 200-pound bull calf with its reproductive organs removed was discovered near Atchison on March 14. Four weeks later -- on April 11 -- near Ashland, a cow was found with its "udder and genitals cleanly removed." There was no blood in the area.

Colorado has also had its share of the bizarre mutilations. In early 1976, Governor Richard Lamm asked the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to seek the cause of the mutilations. Later that same year, two cows with their sexual organs, udders, intestines, and eyes missing were discovered near the Rocky Flats Plant, a nuclear weapons components facility owned by the Department of Energy near Golden. The few 1979 reports centered around Walsenburg:

- May 19. A 2,000-pound bull had its sex organs, rectum, and tongue removed.
- June 25. Roan Durham bull with its sex organs removed. No signs of bleeding.
- Late July. A two-year-old heifer with its anus, rectum, sex organs, udders, tongue, right eye and ear removed by a sharp instrument.
- During March, in the state of Washington, UFO activity was reported at about the same time that cows, dogs, pigs, and chickens were found mutilated.

Canada

Alberta, Canada, was also the site of numerous mutilation reports during the period May-October.

- May 30. Near Hanna. A bull calf with its tail, rectum, penis, scrotum, lips and an ear cut off.
- August 10-11. Near Brooks. A steer and a cow were found shot through the head and their sexual parts mutilated. The steer was reportedly sexually molested.
- August 12. Near High River. 2,500-pound, six-year-old, \$45,000 Simmental bull missing its rectum, most of the penis, scrotum, testicles, left ear and tip of the tongue. All had been "neatly sliced and removed from the carcass." The Royal Canadian Mounted Police suspected the weird activities of a black magic cult.
- August 28. Near Didsbury. An 800-pound steer with its penis and anus removed. An autopsy failed to reveal further information.
- September 24. Near Fort MacLeod. A heifer died of natural causes and later had its sex organs "sloppily" removed.
- September 25. Near Brooks. A colt with parts of its nose, ears and mouth "sliced off with surgical precision."
- September 30. Near Nanton. Young steer with penis and left ear missing.
- October 1. Near Tofield. A young, 500-pound bull with its neck broken and the sex organs and bladder removed "with almost surgical precision."
- October 4. Near Claresholm. Five-year-old cow with anus, tongue, ear, and vaginal area removed. A hole in the animal's left side indicated the heart may have been removed.

During the first week of October, a heifer and horse with their sexual organs removed were discovered in the province of Saskatchewan.

UFOR is indebted to John Brent Musgrave, Edmonton, Alberta, and Bruce Kennedy, Phoenix, Arizona, as well as newspapers in Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Washington, for information.

CETI: A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE (Book Reviews)

In *Extraterrestrial Encounter; A Personal Perspective*, Chris Boyce, an English science fiction writer, like so many others in his field, believes the day will come when we will make direct contact with one or more ET civilizations, but has a difficult time fitting UFOs into the pattern -- or even considering accepting some of them as ET vehicles. Despite this, however, the book is a refreshing look at earth's communication with ET intelligence (CETI) efforts.

The author draws interesting historical parallels, such as the opening of Japan to the Western world in the last half of the 19th Century. Like Japan then and following its defeat in World War II, we may have "to create a new social and political structure" following the cultural shock of CETI. But "the chances of our managing this are not as remote as they seem."

The important thing is to respond rapidly to such contact and alter our technologies and philosophies "on a careful, selective basis," being careful not to destroy ourselves by employing too much ET technology and philosophy too soon.

Boyce also believes "the real ETs will not be the same as any imagining contained within the hundreds of thousands of stories written about them." And "profound changes will very likely result" when ET contact is made. For instance, it will be necessary for man, regarding himself "as the thinking center of the universe," to "change [his] nature as [hè] changes [his] context from the planetary to the interstellar."

All in all, if you ignore some of the rather outlandish utterances about UFOs -- including a hint that some reports may have been fabricated "as psychological test runs of public credulity by agencies responsible for national security" -- this work could serve as a philosophical challenge to that day when we enter the galactic kindergarten.

[Chris Boyce, *Extraterrestrial Encounter; A Personal Perspective*, Foreword by Prof. A.E. Roy (Chartwell Books, Inc., 110 Enterprise Ave., Secaucus, N.J. 07094, 1979), no price listed, 199 pgs., illustrations, appendices, notes bibliography, index].

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A second British import, *UFOs -- The Greatest Mystery*, by Hilary Evans, is a handsomely illustrated "art" book, of which few exist. Aside from that, however, it offers nothing new to the serious student or researcher. Do we really need a rehash of the Socorro, N.M., or Betty and Barney Hill incidents? Or the death of Capt. Thomas Mantell? Or the Papua or Hopkinsville, Ky., occupant reports? Or the foo fighters, ghost rockets, or airship reports of 1897? Hardly. Still, it's a handsome volume that offers some visual, if not intellectual or emotional, stimulation.

[Hilary Evans, *UFOs -- The Greatest Mystery* (Chartwell Books, Inc., 110 Enterprise Ave., Secaucus, N.J. 07094, 1979), no price listed, 93 pgs., photographs, illustrations].

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports, with sketchy information, were also brought to UFOR's attention:

- August 24, 1979. About 11:15 a.m. Villeneuve, France. A "big yellow light" flew over a witness' car. (*Sud-Ouest*, August 29, 1979).
- August 25, 1979. Around 9 p.m. Lyons, Ind. Fred Lammert, Jr., and his sister saw "three reddish circles" flying toward the north-northeast. (Bloomfield, Ind., *News*, August 30, 1979).
- August 26, 1979. Approximately 8:30 p.m. East Gloucester, Mass. Mrs. Phyllis Cunningham and others observed a round object that "fluttered" and "wiggled." (*Gloucester Times*, August 28, 1979).
- August 28, 1979. Evening. Near Jesup, Ga. Deputy Sheriff Jesse Brantley, James Lester, and his aunt spotted a "multi-colored object in the sky" that moved slightly. It was seen for about one hour, stated the *Jesup Press Sentinel*, August 30, 1979. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- August 29, 1979. About 4:30 p.m. Anoka, Minn. Phil Dorkik reported seeing a round UFO high in the sky. (*Anoka Union*, September 7, 1979).
- September 5, 1979. Near Sterling, Colo. An unidentified witness observed "a strange-shaped orange object" that "had flames shooting from it," according to the September 8, 1979, edition of the *Sterling Journal-Advocate*. (Possible explanation: meteorite).
- September 6, 1979. Around 10:30 p.m. Near La Farge, Wisc. Mr. and Mrs. John Madden and their son, John, Jr., spotted a round UFO with colored flashing lights and "winglike appendages." It appeared to undulate, and the lights brightened and dimmed. It was seen for more than an hour, reported the *Lacrosse (Wisc.) Tribune*, September 7, 1979. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

UFOR wishes all its readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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